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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action, mailed August 29, 2001, be extended for 3 months, to and including February 28, 2002.

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